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## Teachers, parents complain

# School board refuses comment; upholds Hain dismissal of Lelend

The conduct of Petty Grade School Principal Paul Hain became a public controversy at the beginning of the regular meeting of the Antioch Grade School Board.

Two Antioch grade school teachers, saying that they represented many of the school district's teachers and parents, made the complaints, one reading a list of accusations of professional misconduct on Hain's part.

Over half of the school's teachers and many parents who seemed in agreement with the two teachers were present at the

meeting. But there were at least three other members of the audience that gave Hain support, claiming that they had found Hain to be fair and honest in their dealing with him.

According to Antioch Grade School Supt. Don Skidmore, after adjourning into closed session to discuss the Hain situation, the board voted unanimously to uphold Hain's dismissal of Sharon Lelend, a secretary for the school district for 13 years.

Skidmore said, "The board has decided that there is no reason to dignify comments

made by just two people and I do not expect any action to be taken on the action at the present time."

The two spokespeople for the parents and teachers who are complaining about Hain's professional conduct, were grade school teachers Peg Zurek and Mrs. Wetterberg, according to Skidmore. Zurek, former president of the district's teachers union, read the accusations that stated that Hain, in forbidding the school's staff members to discuss "anything that had to do with the running of the school with each other," had created an atmosphere of fear and distrust among the district's employees.

Zurek, who authored the list of accusations, said, "I gathered the list of complaints from personal observations and from talking to many of the district's teachers and parents."

Hain was also accused not only of leaving the school's premises to conduct personal business, that included the taking of flying lessons, but of not telling his secretary where

he was going so he could be reached if necessary.

The enforcement of controversial PTO guidelines that Zurek claims were not written down and not enforced in the other schools of the district that she had taught in, was also laid at Hain's door.

According to Zurek, these guidelines restricted parental participation in school and, because they were not written down, were not available to parents and teachers. Zurek claims that it was an argument over these guidelines that led to the firing of Lelend.

According to Skidmore, Hain said that he had fired Lelend because of problems that couldn't be resolved.

"We want an end to Mr. Hain's tactics and we want Lelend reinstated," said Zurek.

Hain has been principal of W.C. Petty School since it opened three years ago, previously serving as principal of the now-defunct Channel Lake Grade School.

## Al's Citgo burglary results in arrest

by MICHAEL H. BABICZ

The arrest of a burglary suspect at an Antioch service station in the early morning hours on Dec. 24 may lead to several other burglaries being solved in Lake, McHenry and Kenosha counties.

Ryan L. Cowles, 21, of 711 16th St., Kenosha, has been charged by the Antioch Police Dept. with one count of burglary.

A warrant for a second subject suspected to have been involved in the same series of burglaries was being obtained on the morning of Dec. 27 by Antioch police.

Cowles was apprehended when Antioch Police Officer Ron Roth observed a broken window in a overhead door at Al's Citgo, 581 N. Main St., in Antioch shortly after 6 a.m. on Dec. 24.

According to police reports, a car which was registered to Cowles was found running behind the service station.

The report further stated that the vehicle contained items which were either from the Al's Citgo burglary or possibly from other burglaries in the three-county area.

Cowles was to be arraigned in a bond hearing on the morning of Dec. 27.

## Senior, low income housing progressing

Construction is progressing at the site of Oakridge Village in Antioch. The development is designed to offer affordable housing to elderly, disabled and low and moderate income families, according to property manager Stan Lentz of the Madsen Corp.

Some apartments are designed with the needs of the handicapped in mind and the development offers 48 one-bedroom apartments for the elderly and 32 two-bedroom apartments and 10 three-bedroom apart-

ments for families.

Lentz said that the development, located just north of Williams Park in Antioch, is rapidly progressing toward Feb. 1, 1983 occupancy.

There are still openings available within the complex for elderly, handicapped and low and moderate income families.

To be eligible for senior housing, the head of the household must be age 62 or older, or handicapped, or disabled, or displaced in order to become eligible for assistance.

Income limits are \$15,250 for one person or \$17,400 for two. Income determination is based on Social Security benefits, supplemental security income, pension benefits, income from assets and wages.

Asset determination is based on 10 percent of checking account, savings account, certificate of deposit, stocks, bonds and real estate.

Rental payment will be 25 percent of adjusted monthly income with a \$30 utility allowance, according to Lentz.

"The above information is very basic. Keep in mind that each applicant is individually considered and that there are many factors that come into light when certifying someone for an apartment," he stressed.

Individual interviews will be scheduled with each applicant that applies for an apartment. Interviews will be scheduled prior to completion of the apartments.

## Name Yule Theme Contest Winning Entries

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**MOOSE LODGE HONORS SEQUOITS** — Shown at spaghetti dinner honoring Antioch High School's 1982 football team, cheerleaders and pom-pom squad, given by Antioch Moose Lodge, are, from left, Moose Lodge Gov. Jim Page, Mayor Ray Toft, Capt. Jerry Haling, MVP Tom Adams and Coach Steve Wapon. Plaque honoring team was presented by Moose Lodge.

## Moose honor Sequoits

Antioch's 1982 Sequoit football team, cheerleaders, pom-pom girls and coaches were honored at a spaghetti dinner hosted by Antioch's Moose Lodge.

A 26 foot sign noting that the team was "number one" adorned the wall along with 52 footballs inscribed with each members' number and name.

The Moose Lodge members presented a plaque to be hung in the school's trophy case acknowledging the success of the 1982 team. Mayor Ray Toft made the presentation on behalf of the Moose to Head Coach Steve Wapon, captain of the team, Jerry Haling and the most valuable player of the year, Tom Adams, voted this honor by his teammates as announced by Wapon at the presen-

tation.

Each of the coaches received a red and white hat presented by the Moose club denoting "number one" Sequoits. Special guests attending were members of the school board and Supt. Warren Polley and his wife.

Moose Gov. Jim Page, promised to continue the practice of hosting honored sports teams in Antioch and said he hoped to see many of the same faces again this year backing the wrestling squad, basketball, baseball and track teams.

Page continued to praise the team that, even though the state figures do not show it, the Moose members as well as their town, rate "number one."



# Cary wins award

Chris Cary, Jodie Greis, and Donna Skidmore took first, second, and third prizes, respectively, in the local Antioch Voice of Democracy Speech Contest held this November at Antioch High School.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Veterans of

Foreign Wars and its ladies auxiliary.

This year's contest theme was "Youth-America's Strength," and Cary's winning speech was titled "America-the Beautiful."

As the local winner, he will be guest at a banquet on Jan. 15, at which regional prizes will be awarded and the winner will deliver the prize-winning speech.

Betty Davis has acted as the Voice of Democracy liaison with the high school and presented the local

awards on Thursday, Dec. 16 in the advanced speech class.

## Results

### ANTIOCH BOWL FRIDAY MEN'S DECEMBER 3

High Games: Ed Schmidt, 241; Don Schubert and Tom Caskey, 231; Dale Eastman and Jim Thompson, 225.  
High Series: Larry Handrickson, 613; Ed Schmidt, 582; Scotty Lowe, 568; Jack Lawrence, 564 and Don Schubert, 563.  
High Team Game: Fargo Ice, 1121.  
High Team Series: Wilmet Stage Stop, 929, 1029, 1015 — 3073.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS — Antioch VFW Post 4551 awarded prizes to winners in Voice of Democracy speech contest. From left, are, Warren Polley, ACHS superintendent, Walter Rybicki, post commander. In front, from left are, Betty Davis, auxiliary contest chairman, Jody Greis, second place, \$15; Chris Cary, first place, \$25; Donna Skidmore, third place, \$10; Janice Hoenicke, speech teacher, and Jim Egem, VFW contest chairman. - Photo by Gloria Davis

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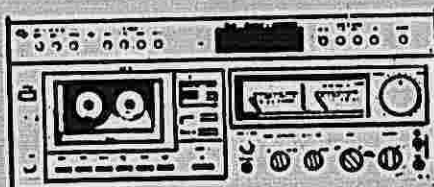
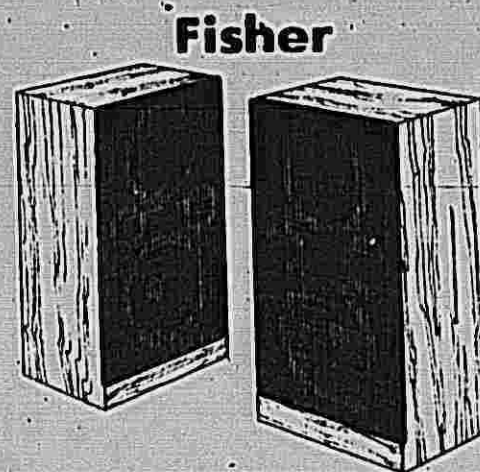
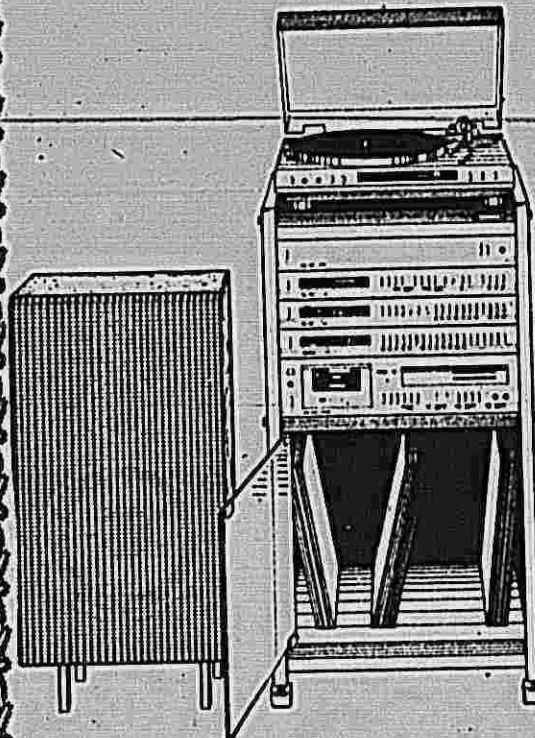
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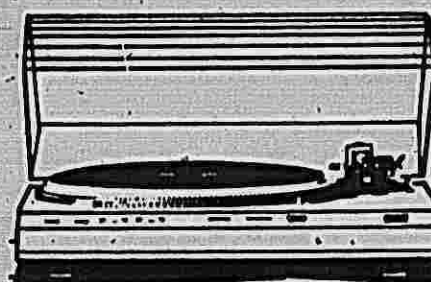


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Winter program activities include:

—Afterschool bowling beginning Jan. 19 on Wednesdays for six weeks. Bowling will run from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is open to those ages six through 12 years old. Cost is \$15 each.

—Boys Basketball begins Jan. 11 for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings at W.C. Petty School. Sessions will be from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages nine through 13. Fee is \$20 for in-township, \$25 for out-of-township.

—Camp Crayola for ages three to five will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, every Monday and Wednesday for six weeks beginning Jan. 3.

Fee is \$35 for in-township, \$45 for out-of-township.

—Aerobics will be held from 8:15 to 9:15 on Monday and Wednesday beginning Dec. 20. Cost is \$4 for four weeks.

—Baton Class will be taught on Thursday evenings at the Old Fire Station. Alyce Brownlee will instruct youngsters age five and up. Beginner's class is at 6 p.m., advanced class at 7 p.m. Fee is \$20 for in-township, \$30 for out-of-township.

—Martial Arts will be instructed for ages six and up at the Old Fire Station. Classes are Monday and Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Friday, 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information contact parks and recreation department at (312) 395-2160.

### —LEGAL— STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF LAKE, SS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY ILLINOIS — IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of MARIE RZYSKO, deceased.  
No. 82-P-1188

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARIE RZYSKO, of Antioch, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 21, 1982, to STEPHEN N. RZYSKO, Independent Executor, 271 Sunset Lane, Antioch, Illinois 60002, whose attorney is Larson, Gantar & DeMartini, P.O. Box O, Antioch, Illinois 60002.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Lake County Court House, 18 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085 or with representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Stephen N. Rzyso,  
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#### NEW CLASS

An additional College of Lake County class to be held at Antioch Community High School. An 8 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday aerobic dance class will be offered.



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by Robert T. Sven B.S.D.D.S.

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The picture on the billboard showed a large pistol aimed towards the viewer with "Murder One" underlying it in bold letters.

Next to the gun was a picture of a bottle of liquor laying on a car's steering wheel. Beneath this one it said "Murder Too."

Too bad that the owners of the billboard company who buckled to the liquor industry's pressure, causing the ad campaign to be dropped, didn't witness some of the drunk driving accidents we've had near the Illinois-Wisconsin state line.

Congrats to Mark Berthold, son of Wolfgang Berthold and stepson of Santella Berthold, who has just been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

One of the most moving outdoor Christmas displays in town is the manger scene in front of St. Peters, backed by a "Happy Birthday Jesus" greeting that looks like it was made by his beloved children.

And I loved all those uneeek creches in the window of The Village Shop.

Don't forget about the Chamber's annual installation din-

ner dance. That event has always been a ball and this year Dixie Sparks tells me that the menu is prime rib irrigated with champagne. Total Eclipse is the band and the place the Tower Room above the Antioch Bowl on Rte. 173. Call (312) 395-2233 for more info.

Get well quick wishes to Ken Smouse who is about to make a hopefully short visit to the hospital.

Hope everyone of you has a sane and Happy New Year, remember, "Think before you drink so you will survive if you drive!"

## News/OPINION

The Antioch News welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be on topics of general interest, approximately 150 words or less and be signed with home address and telephone number. Guest editorials

are also invited. They should be a minimum of 250 words and signed. The editor reserves the right to condense all material addressed to this page.

### When I think about it

## Reach out, touch someone for New Year's resolution

by GLORIA DAVIS

We are always reading about "touchy" situations or how someone was "touched" by an event.

We all know about the smallness of the world and how a happening on the other side of the globe can "touch" our lives.

Yet, when was the last time you actually touched someone as you were talking to them? Sexual handling, not to be included.

Europeans and Orientals are known to consider Americans to be cold fish when it comes to people interaction because they seldom lay friendly hands on one another.

Other nationalities are much quicker to kiss a friend and relative hello than we are and we seem to relegate hand holding to the romance department.

Maybe it's all the adverse publicity given the Gay movement that keeps men at a

distance from their fellows unless they're on a football field.

Women are quicker to touch other women but the same publicity seems to have established a "hands-off policy," as far as some gals are concerned.

Somehow I think that, especially in these times, human beings need as much friendly warmth as they can get, and what is warmer than a friend or a loved ones hand on yours

I have never been a toucher, but I also have never been offended by a friend's touch, so in the interest of human togetherness, my New Year's resolution will be to kiss those I love and like more and to keep in "touch" with many of those I come in contact with.

The words concern, interest, understanding, communication and sensibility are all synonyms for the word touch, and a display of all or any of these can't be all bad!

## Obituaries

### Mark E. Queen

Mark Everett Queen, 19, Antioch, died Dec. 19 at St. Therese Hospital from injuries received from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born Nov. 2, 1963 and was a lifelong resident of the Antioch and Lake Villa area.

Survivors include his father, David (Pat) Queen, Gages Lake; his mother, Barbara Queen, California; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flieder, California; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Queen, Antioch; his paternal great-grandmother, Francis Jankowski, Minnesota; three brothers, David, Fox Lake; Noah, Gages Lake and Lenny, Gages Lake and two sisters, Angela, California and Rachel, Gages Lake.

Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Home. Interment is in St. Benedict Abbey Cemetery, Benedict Lake.

### Lorraine Cerk

Lorraine Cerk, 49, Antioch, died Dec. 21 at St. Therese Hospital.

She was born March 11, 1933 in Waukegan and lived in Antioch most of her life. She was a member of St. Ignatius Episcopal Church, Antioch; The Prayer Group, Benet Lake and was secretary for Lake County Forest Preserve.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Jr. (Carol), Antioch and Kenneth, Antioch; two daughters, Kathleen (John) Burns, Lindenhurst and Karen (Tim) Donahue, Lake Villa; her mother, Genevieve Fillweber, Antioch; a brother, Charles (Gail) Bock, Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Judith (Ronald) Mosley, Spain and three grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 23. Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Home, Antioch. Interment is private.

### Walter Roberts

Walter Roberts, 75, of Antioch, died Dec. 25 at Victory Memorial Hospital, Waukegan. He was born March 21, 1907 in Houghton, Mich. and lived in Chicago before moving to An-

tiotch in 1955. He lived in Hubbell, Mich. moving back to Antioch six years ago.

He attended St. Peters Church, Antioch, and was a member of the Chicago Truckdrivers Union. He worked for ACME Cartage and several other firms before retiring.

Survivors include a son Ed (Nancy) of Antioch; two sisters, Josephine Pellegrini and Elizabeth Knieling both of Chicago and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. Peter Church, Antioch. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. Visitation is at Strang Funeral Home, Antioch, from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

### Edward Lewandowski

Edward Lewandowski, 65, Ft. Meyers, Fla., formerly of Bristol, died Dec. 21 at Westosha Area Trauma Center, Silver Lake.

He was born Dec. 27, 1916 in Chicago. He was a member of St. Scholastica Church, Bristol and Moose Lodge 525, Antioch. He had been a machinist for the City of Chicago from 1947 to 1976 and was a member of Machinist Union Local 126 in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle; a son, Michael (Dayle), Libertyville; two daughters, Judy (Richard) Argast, Park Ridge and Ginny (Ted) Traiforos, Barrington and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Home, Antioch. Interment is in St. Scholastica Parish Cemetery.

### Glenn Miller

Glenn B. Miller, 87, Kenosha, died Dec. 20 at St. Catherine's Hospital.

He was born Dec. 15, 1895 in Bonapart, Iowa and lived in Chicago for many years. He moved to Wisconsin in April of 1982. He was a mechanic for Pearson's U-Rent Co., Chicago.

Survivors include a brother, Donald, Hillsboro, Iowa and a sister, Velma Duncan, Iowa City, Iowa.

Arrangements were handled by Strang Funeral Home, Antioch. Interment is in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago.



## The Time Machine

### FIFTY YEARS AGO: Dec. 29, 1932

Mrs. Chase Webb was busy working on the costumes for a musical show that featured 150 Antioch residents. The show was put on by St. Ignatius Church and was called "The World's All Right."

Flu had reached epidemic proportions in Antioch.

There were 62 children at Antioch Grade School that were reported to have perfect teeth after a physical examination given by the Parent Teacher Assn..

Antioch residents received 60 percent more Christmas cards and gifts than they mailed from the Antioch Post Office.

Mrs. Henry Rentner held an oyster supper for 46 friends on Christmas Eve.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO: Dec. 25, 1952

Bob and Verna Kufalk were home from school visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Kufalk for the holidays.

Bill Johnson served as Santa Claus while the Women of the Moose gave a Christmas party for 160 children.

The Antioch News ran 10 full broadsheet pages of Christmas greeting ads from local business to their customers.

A four pound box of chocolates was selling for \$1.89.

### TEN YEARS AGO: Dec. 27, 1972

The News featured a story calling drunk driving a crime. Shirley and Helen Gutowski and Angie Maras were some of the members of St. Peters Altar and Rosary Society that were busy cheering clients in local nursing homes.

Dick Kirkpatrick received the highest honor Beatrice Foods Co., his employer, could award him.

Tim Mieure was high scorer for the Sequoias as he sank 16 points in the Rockford Cage Tourney.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaston, long time Antioch residents, purchased a newspaper The Caldwell Messenger, a semi-weekly from Caldwell, Kansas.



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# Yule Means Chance To Show You Care

## Grand Prize Winner

by PATTI WILLIAMS  
Salem

When the words "Christmas giving" are heard, the first thing that comes to a lot of peoples' minds is — presents. Whether they'd be giving or receiving.

To me, the words "Christmas giving" mean a lot more than waking up early on a December 25th morning and opening up the gifts. Those words mean more than giving material things that can be looked at or played with for a while and then discarded. They mean more than rushing around for a month before Christmas day making sure you're getting the right gift for someone, and worrying if they will like it or not. To me, the words "Christmas giving" means — Giving my love to the people I care about.

I may not have enough money to shop around and buy presents for all my friends

or relatives, but the things that are bought are bought with love. I'm not worried if I'm getting the right thing for a person, because how can giving your love to someone be the wrong thing? And it is not just my love I would be giving. It is God's love, too. He's the one who has given me everything I have and whatever I have is His, so by giving others my love — I am also sharing God's Love with them.

The material presents will someday come to an end. Either they will break, or will be outgrown, or will be lost. But there are always people who love you, and I like to let people know that I do.

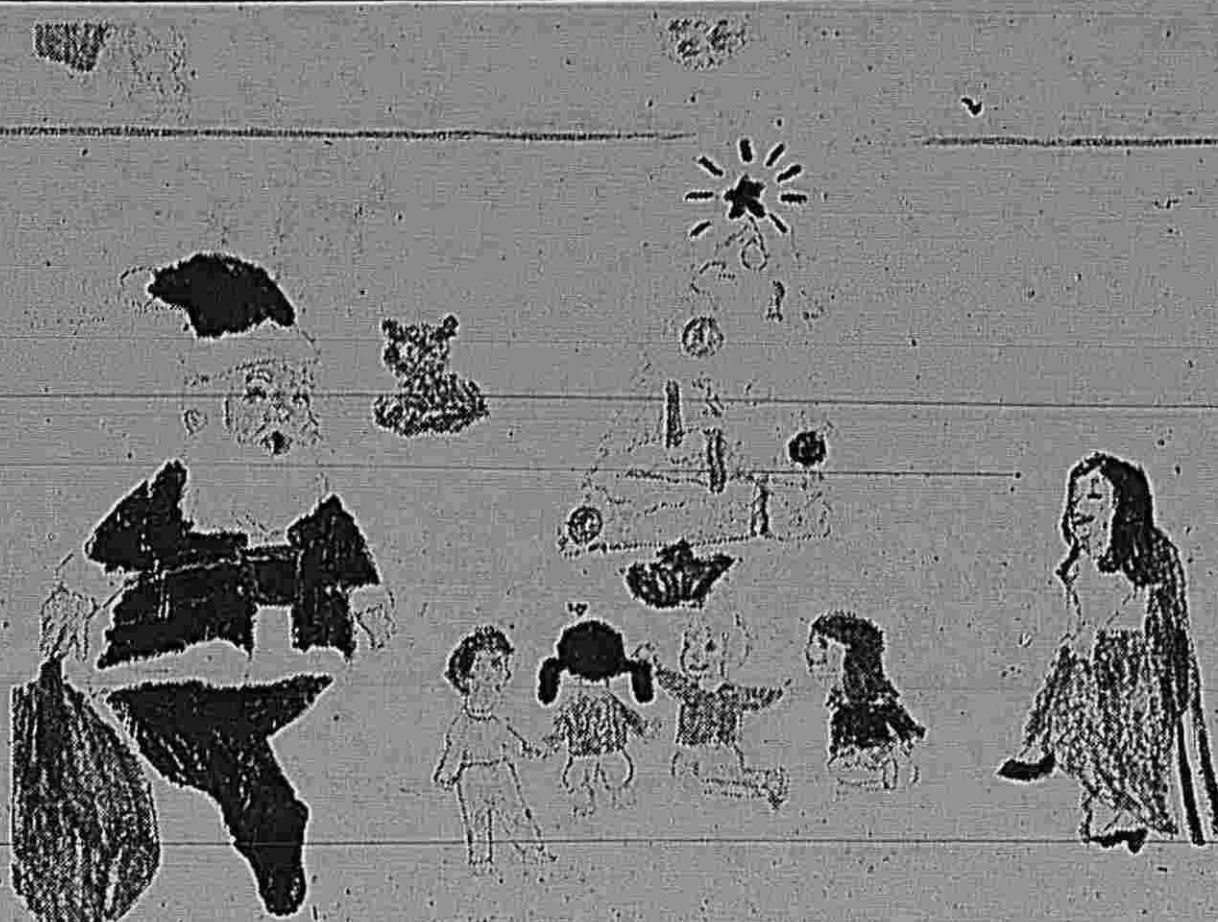
I like to give cards at Christmas time because that way I can write my feelings to a person, or just write a short note to say Merry Christmas or Hello. Another way to let people know, is just to tell them straight out. What's wrong with saying, "Mom, I love you?" or telling friends that they are

cared about, or even telling your school teachers they are appreciated. So many times that is better than a gift.

The feeling you will be giving will last so much longer than any material thing. It is so much easier and quicker, too, to go out and buy the gifts rather than to take the time to write all the cards out. But maybe that is what is wrong with the world and people today. We don't take enough time for others, we don't MAKE enough time for each other.

This year, why not tell someone that they are cared for or thought about? I bet you will find a feeling in you that is different and you could make someone else happier just by telling them that they are loved. Or just make some extra time for someone you haven't. Give someone your spare time and your love.

Christmas is coming. It could be a perfect opportunity...



First place, class one. Ashok Rajamani, 8, Grayslake

# Hard Times Teach Real Yule Meaning

## Second place Class three

by VERA GEU  
Spring Grove

Christmas has always been a magical time for me. Even as I grow older, nothing seems to dim the pleasure of Christ's birth and all that it involves.

The gifts we give and receive are only one small part of the magic of love that prevails at this time of the year.

But one year I'll always remember is the year I learned the true meaning of Christmas.

In 1961, I was 13-years-old and in eighth grade. In early December my father who was only 36-years-old, suffered a near fatal heart attack, while working on a construction site in Chicago. For several days he wavered between life and death, and finally the doctors began to see signs of improvement.

My mother was working part-time, making \$15 a week, and my dad's salary completely stopped. Dad's co-workers each donated whatever they could, and presented the cash to my mom. She paid several mortgage payments with the money, to keep the wolf from the door, so to speak.

We heated with fuel oil at the time, and Red Jewel, a longtime resident of Fox Lake, delivered it faithfully, knowing he wouldn't receive payment until mom and dad could pay him.

Every day we traveled to Chicago to visit dad, and my grades began to suffer in school. Since I had always been an above average student, my teacher asked me what was wrong.

When I told him, he decided to take an hour of his own time after school to

tutor me, so I could catch up with my class. I probably wouldn't have graduated that spring without his love and concern for me. (I graduated second in my class).

While mom worked, we helped around the house and did what we could. My 17-year-old brother got a job stocking shelves part time, and my sister, 15 and I did what we could to make it easier for mom.

Christmas wasn't joyous that year. There wasn't money for any extras, but somehow, as we struggled to survive the circumstances, we grew closer in spirit to one another.

On Christmas eve, we again drove to the hospital to see my dad and came home and went to bed.

For the first time I could remember, we didn't have a

Christmas tree.

We woke on Christmas day to a silvery snowy day

In the living room, on a table, was a Christmas tree! It was the saddest, most lopsided tree I'd ever seen, and the smallest, but to me it was the most beautiful tree we'd ever had.

Under the tree were three presents. My mom had put them on lay-away before dad had his heart attack, and somehow paid for them in time for Christmas. I received a jewelry box, which I still have, and my sister received the same jewelry box in blue. My brother got a watch.

I really believe that it wouldn't have mattered if we had received anything, because we learned that year that Christmas isn't only presents. We learned that Christmas is love.



Second place, class one. Jennifer Lescher, 7, Fox Lake

# Christmas Giving Is Happiness For Others

## Third place Class three

by LORI SATTERSTEN  
Twin Lakes

The sun is already shining on the dazzling white snow when you wake up from your restful night's sleep. You slowly rise from your warm bed, then you realize it is Christmas day. You jump out of bed and get ready for morning mass.

All the wrapping paper and boxes are picked up from the present opening the night before. But the laughter, the tears, and the screams are still bouncing off the walls, filling the room with their gaiety.

Christmas giving, to me, is just that. The memories of the present Christmas and, yet, the past ones too. Seeing your parents open your present you made in class at school. The silly verses written on the card with a stick snowman on the front.

The patholder you gave grandma. You know she probably has one just like it

from each of her grandchildren, yet the look upon her face when she sees it puts a warm glow in you; knowing she will appreciate it anyways because it was from you.

It is making those special Christmas cookies for your brother and sister. Seeing their thank you in their smiles and laughter when they eat them.

Christmas giving is the tears in your mother's eyes when she opens up the box that holds her wedding band she has always wanted. The joyful surprise on your sister's face when you hand her a puppy wrapped in blue ribbon. When you hand your boyfriend a card that tells him how much you love him.

Christmas giving is being nice to older people who have no one to get presents from or to give to. Caring for them or just listening to them talk of their memories

of Christmas' past. Singing carols to neighbors or helping your friends with

their presents for their family.

It is when you are broke and have to make all your presents. Everybody loves it even more because they can see all the love of you in it.

Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth, his birthday. Many people wonder why we get the presents instead of Jesus. I think it is because Jesus wants us to be joyful and happy. When we exchange presents we are happy which is a present to God and Jesus.

Jesus gives to us also. He gives a little bit more food to the needy or makes the ill better if only for a while. He gives us joy and family. For me this year he is giving me my grandpa, who I hope will be with me many, many more Christmases.

Christmas giving is all of this. Joy, tears, laughter, caring, and giving to all. Christmas giving is best when you give yourself.



Grand Prize winner Patti Williams receives prize of \$50 savings bond from Publisher William Schroeder.



# Raymond The Mouse Typifies Gift Giving

## Second place Class two

by KRIS FICKER  
Bristol School

There once was a mouse named Raymond. One night when he was asleep, Raymond had a dream that it was snowing and Santa Mouse came with a sack full of toys for his two sisters, his three brothers, him, and even his parents.

After Santa Mouse had put all the presents around the tree and filled all the stockings, he sat down and ate all the cookies they had left him. When he was done, he got up out of the chair, stood in front of the fireplace, wiggled his tail and away he went.

When Raymond woke up, he put on his slippers and went to his window. He looked out. It was snowing. Yea!! It's snowing. It's snowing.

Suddenly he stopped. Hey it's just one week to Christmas. He looked out the window and yawned. It was snowing harder. He walked back to his bed and sat down.

He kicked off his slippers and crawled into bed. After a while, he dozed off to sleep. When he woke up, it was morning. Raymond got up and went to his window. When he looked out, the whole town of Mouseland was covered with snow. Raymond opened his door and went out into the hall. He would still fit him. He went downstairs and opened the door to the hall closet. He got out his snowsuit and tried it on. It fit!!

Secondly he got out his hat, scarf, mittens and of course his boots. He took the shovel out of the hall closet and went outside. He started shoveling their sidewalk then he got this special feeling.

He wanted to do something for everyone in Mouseland.

He decided to shovel everyones sidewalks and driveways. He did the neighbors and after three hours of hard work, he got down to the last house of which was the house of Scrooge Mouse.

He shoveled and shoveled until he was through. When he was done, he began to walk down the driveway thinking about how everybody says Scrooge Mouse is so mean. The Scrooge Mouse opened his door and said, "What did you do that for?"

"I felt like doing something nice for everyone," replied Raymond.

Well, don't ever do it for me again," said Scrooge and he slammed his door.

Gee," Raymond thought, "he is mean."

Raymond went home and got out of his wet clothes and went straight to bed with a cold. He stayed in bed for two days and finally he felt better.

He got out of bed and looked out his window. There was still snow on the ground. He went downstairs and ate some breakfast then he got dressed up in his snow suit, hat, gloves, scarf and his boots. Then he went for a walk to Scrooge's house. He knocked on the door.

"Yea," said Scrooge Mouse.

"Hi!" said Raymond.

"Hello," said Scrooge Mouse, "I'm sorry I acted so rudely the other day. It's just that nobody ever comes to visit me."

"I'll be your friend and visit you," said Raymond. "I fact, I'd like you to come to my house for Christmas Dinner."

"Thank you, I will," said Scrooge Mouse. The day passed and Raymonds family was very busy getting ready for Christmas. At about three o'clock, there was a knock on the door. It was Scrooge Mouse.

"Hello," said Raymond. "Sit down."

Scrooge Mouse had brought a whole bunch of presents. Why Scrooge Mouse? Oh by the way what's your real name? "My real name is Mr. Carl M. Mouse," said Scrooge.

"Oh well Mr. Carl M. Mouse you didn't have to bring up presents. The whole meaning of Christmas is loving, caring, and sharing. You don't have to give gifts to get love. Just give people the warmth and love from your heart."

## Beth's Card Shows A Gift Of Love

### First place Class two

by MICHELLE NELSON  
Bristol School

"Mother, what is Christmas giving?" Beth asked one day while putting up the Christmas tree with her mother.

"Beth dear Christmas giving is from your heart. It's the thought about other people. Christmas time is not only receiving presents, it's the Christmas giving that makes it special. It doesn't matter if the gift is big or little, it's the work and thought you put into it. Oh, and don't forget, homemade gifts are the very best kind."

Beth thought about this they finished decorating the tree.

"My that does look pretty," said Beth's mom as she put the star on top. "Wait till your dad comes from work and sees this."

Little Beth ran into her room, sat down on her bed thinking about what she could make her mother and father for Christmas, giving.

"Well, I don't have much money, so...but mommy said homemade gifts are the very best kind!"

Bethie jumped up with a smile and went to her bottom drawer and pulled out some colored papers, glitter, scissors and some glue. She was going to make her parents two beautiful Christmas cards with Christmas bells and a little baby Jesus on the front. She was just learning how to write so she would have to work extra hard.

Just then her father came home, they all stood around and admired the Christmas tree. Then, they made lovely Christmas cookies.

After they were finished Beth went into her room and worked on the Christmas Cards, for tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and that's when Santa Clause comes.

"I'll have to work on the



Third place, class one. Robert Leis, 7, Grayslake

cards tomorrow also, boy. I sure hope this is called Christmas giving.

Beth worked on the cards all Christmas Eve day. The cards had glitter on the front with a baby Jesus and a candle. On the inside she put a Christmas tree and a wreath and wrote, MERRY CHRISTMAS LOVE BETH. She looked at it and knew that it was spelled correctly. After she had finished both cards, she looked at the glitter on the cards, how it shone and sparkled under the light.

Christmas morning she was up before anyone else and put the two lovely cards under the Christmas tree.

Just as she was admiring all the beautiful presents, her mom and dad came out.

"Please, lets open the presents, please!"

"Sure, just hold your horses, dear."

As they opened all the presents, Beth was hoping that they would see the cards. Finally, they both picked up the cards. Mother's eyes danced with tears and father spread a big broad smile as they looked through the cards.

"Mommy, mommy, is this Christmas giving?" questioned Beth.

"Yes, dear, this is Christmas giving! This is the best gift we could ever have. Thank you so much, I love you and Merry Christmas dear!"

## Gifts Mark Tradition Of Loving, Giving

### Third place Class two

by MARK BURNIDGE  
Rural Mundelein

The meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ who came to redeem us from our sins.

God gave Jesus to us as a gift from heaven for our salvation. In this way He showed us His love for us. Today we give material gifts to people we love to symbolize Gods love to us.

In this way we carry on the tradition of loving and giving.

## Life Shows Love's The Best Gift Of All

### First place Class three

by LINDA HILLARD LINGLE  
Salem

Many a year of Christmas cheer  
This woman's eyes have seen,  
But far in the past my memories last  
As possessions made of gold.  
For long ago in the winters snow  
A grand woman that I once knew  
A present gave, if my memory saves,  
To me under the mistletoe.  
That she carefully hung in the house among  
The furry of Christmas time  
With tender thought and arms up taut  
And wishes of Christmas cheer.  
I watched her oft, her movements soft  
And tender were her words;  
A fragrant whisk and spirit brisk —  
Her memory dear to me.  
I watched her then, at the moment when  
She hung that mistletoe  
And she called to me, to my childlike glee,  
To stand and be by her.  
I looked at her, her eyes all blurred  
As she held me lovingly  
And listened to those words I knew  
From many times before.  
But somehow then, at that moment when  
She said she loved me so,  
I understood as we all should  
That love's the best gift of all.  
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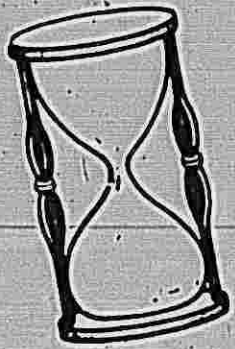
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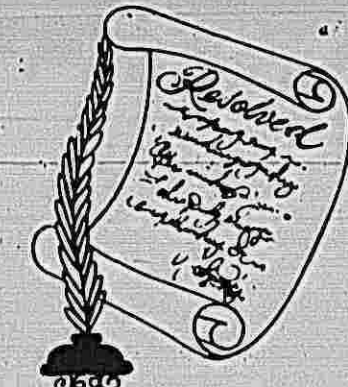
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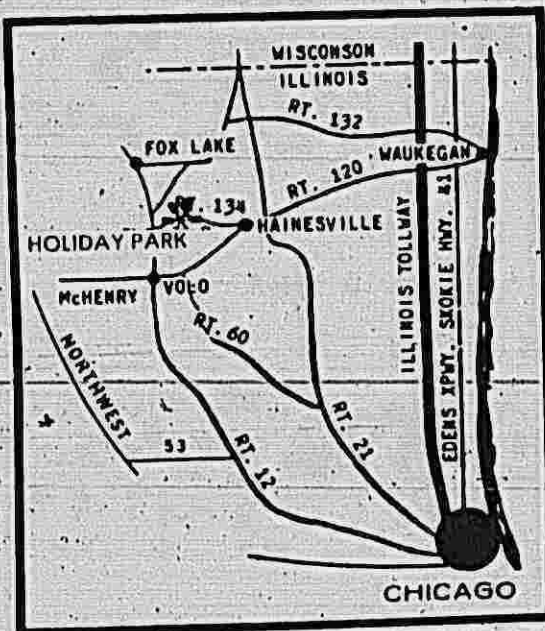
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